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SUBJECT: STRIKES

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1. THE 11 DAY STRIKE OF 700 WORKERS AT AIR AMERICA WAS  
SETTLED LATE JAN. 1 DURING A FRIENDLY SIX AND A HALF HOUR  
SESSION IN THE HOME OF AIR AMERICA MANAGER. THE EMPLOYEES ARE  
BACK ON THE JOB THIS MORNING, AND OPERATIONS ARE RETURNING TO  
NORMAL.

2. NO GENERAL SALARY INCREASE AS SUCH WAS PROVIDED. THE  
MANAGEMENT WILL INCREASE ONLY THOSE FEW RATES WHICH ARE NOW  
BELOW THE US FORCES WAGE SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, THE UNION WON

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SOME FRINGE BENEFITS, PRINCIPALLY A 45 PIASTER DAILY "MEAL  
ALLOWANCE" FOR DAYS ACTUALLY WORKED, RETROACTIVE TO DEC 1.

3. COMMENT. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WEEKSVIETNAM HAS NO STRIKES  
AND NO STRIKE THREATS. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT  
LABOR RELATIONS PROBLEM IN US SECTOR ARE OVER.

4. WE ARE WORKING ON A ROUND-UP REPORT ON WHAT HAPPENED  
IN RECENT LABOR CRISES AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT  
FUTURE ONES. BUNKER

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